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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - PACIFIC ISLANDS AFFAIRS

1. HOLBROOKE TESTIMONY ON PACIFIC ISLANDS. DUE TO THE PRESS OF CONGRESSIONAL BUSINESS, THE WOLFF HEARINGS ON THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 9 WERE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. THE PREPARED TESTIMONY, HOWEVER, WAS ENTERED INTO THE RECORD AND CARRIED ON THE WIRELESS FILE. WE HAVE MADE MINOR CHANGES TO THE TESTIMONY, PRINCIPALLY REGARDING THE TECHNICAL STATUS OF THE AMERICAN PACIFIC TERRITORIES, BUT ON THE WHOLE IT CORRESPONDS CLOSELY TO THE ORIGINAL PREPARED FOR THE GLENN SUBCOMMITTEE.
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2. AGREEMENT FOR SOLOMONS AMBASSADOR TO US. WE HAVE STARTED THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FOR FRANCIS BUGOTU TO BECOME THE FIRST SOLOMONS AMBASSADOR TO THE US. BUGOTU PLANS TO ACCOMPANY PRIME MINISTER KENILOREA TO THE US IN SEPTEMBER AND WE HOPE TO HAVE AGREEMENT IN HAND BY THEN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. PAPUA NEW GUINEA FONMIN OLEWALE'S VISIT. THE PNG GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE HAVING TROUBLE PINNING DOWN THE DATES OF FONMIN OLEWALE'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. WE ARE NOW

WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11-15, BASED ON THE LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE PNG NEW YORK MISSION, AND HAVE SCHEDULED A LUNCH TO BE HOSTED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE ON SEPTEMBER 12. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. GOV. COLEMAN TO ATTEND FORUM MEETING. AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNOR PETER COLEMAN HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE NEW NIUE ASSEMBLY HALL IN SEPTEMBER, AND TO ATTEND THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING TO TAKE PLACE THERE AT THE SAME TIME. THE GOVERNOR WILL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING STRICTLY AS AN OBSERVER.
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